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FIGs. 1-4 and 6-9 are plots of minimum film formation temperature as a function of % coalescent aid;

FIG. 5 is a plot of the evaporation rate of coalescent aid as a function of time;

FIG. 10 is a plot of coating resistance and charge transfer resistance as a function of dry time;

FIG. 11 is a plot of coating capacitance and associated double layer capacitance as a function of dry time;

FIGs. 12-19 are infrared spectra of soybean oil and various coalescent aids;

FIGs. 20-27 are H1-NMR spectra of soybean oil and various coalescent aids; and

FIGs. 28-32 are Cl3-NMR spectra of soybean oil and various coalescent aids.--

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